

## PATENT

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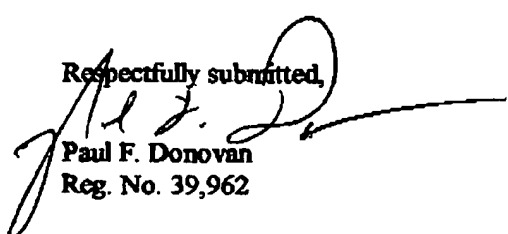
At the time of the Final Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 17-20 were pending and considered. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10 and 11 stand objected to but have been found to contain allowable subject matter, and claims 17-20 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 1 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 17-20 remain pending in the subject application.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to address the objection to the claims raised by the Examiner. Removal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the art of record and the scope of the claims, in order to simply advance the prosecution of this application, claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Since claim 1 is allowable and all the remaining claims depend therefrom, this case is in condition for allowance.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the remaining pending claims are respectfully requested. In the event that there are any issues that can be expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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